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SUBJ: OCEAN DUMPING CONVENTION - FIRST MEETING OF
CONTRACTING PARTIES

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1. DR. SIMMS (UK DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENT) GAVE US FOLLOWING
INFO AND VIEWS ON UK PREPARATIONS FOR DECEMBER MEETING
OF DUMPING CONVENTION PARTIES:

(A) SIMMS HAS PREPARED PAPER UK WOULD PUT BEFORE
DECEMBER MEETING OUTLINING ISSUES WHICH MUST BE DISCUSSED
AND OTHERS WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR DISCUSSION. HE
SAID MOST OF THE POINTS INCLUDED IN OUR PROPOSED AGENDA
(STATE REFTELS) ARE "COMFORTABLY" COVERED BY HIS DRAFT.
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SIMMS SAID HIS PAPER STILL NEEDS FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH

OFFICE APPROVAL BUT HE EXPECTS THIS IN NEXT FEW DAYS. WHETHER PAPER CLEARED OR NOT HE INTENDS DISCUSS IT WITH U.S. LOS TEAM WHEN HE IS IN NEW YORK END OF NOVEMBER. TWO U.S. POINTS SIMMS SAID HE DID NOT INCLUDE IN HIS PROPOSAL ARE (A) AND (I) OF OUR AGENDA ITEMS. HIS REASONING BASED ON FACT THAT IN HIS VIEW BOTH OF THESE BEST DISCUSSED AFTER RELATED ISSUES ARE RESOLVED IN LAW OF SEA NEGOTIATIONS. IN ADDITION, ACCORDING TO SIMMS INFORMATION, BULK OF PARTICIPANTS AT DECEMBER MEETING WILL BE "ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL" (NOT TECHNICAL) SPOKESMEN FROM EMBASSIES IN LONDON. THEREFORE, HE EXPECTS MEETING WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BECOME USEFULLY INVOLVED IN TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS AND HE WOULD HOPE TO AVOID THEM.

(B) ON THE DATE OF THE FIRST CONSULTATIVE MEETING UNDER IMCO AUSPICES, SIMMS SAID HE UNDERSTANDS U.S. LOS TEAM IS PRESSING FOR SECOND LOS MEETING IN NEW YORK IN JUNE/JULY 1976 WHICH HE EXPECTS WILL TAKE PLACE. IN THIS EVENT, HE CONSIDERS IT IMPOSSIBLE TO HOLD IMCO/DUMPING MEETING IN JUNE AS WE HAVE SUGGESTED AND INTENDS TO PROPOSE IN UK PAPER TO BE PUT BEFORE DECEMBER MEETING DATE IN LATE SEPTEMBER 1976 AS EARLIEST PRACTICABLE TIME FOR MEETING.

(C) IN DISCUSSING POSSIBLE NEED AND USEFULNESS OF WORKING GROUPS TO MEET BETWEEN DECEMBER MEETING AND FIRST CONSULTATIVE MEETING TO PREPARE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, SIMMS SAID PREPARATION OF FORM FOR USE IN REPORTING CONTRAVENTIONS (POINT (E) OF OUR AGENDA) WOULD SEEM TO BE SUBJECT WG COULD USEFULLY DEVELOP. HOWEVER ON ITEMS (G) AND (F) OF OUR PROPOSED AGENDA, HE CONSIDERED IT WOULD BE BETTER TO WAIT UNTIL RESOLUTION OF SIMILAR ITEMS AT LAW OF SEA COLFERENCE BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH WG CONSIDERATION. HE SAID HE WILL NOT PROPOSE WORKING GROUP FORMATION IN UK PAPER BUT DELEGATIONS, OF COURSE, COULD MAKE PROPOSAL.

(D) SIMMS POINTED OUT THAT CHAIRMAN AND ONE OR TWO VICE CHAIRMEN WILL HAVE TO BE CHOSEN FOR DECEMBER MEETING. IN THIS REGARD, UK READY TO ACCEPT CHAIR AS HOST GOVERNMENT. DOR ONE OF VICE CHAIRMEN HE SAID CASTANEDA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF MEXICO, WHO HE UNDERSTANDS WILL ATTEND, SEEMS A GOOD CHOICE TO UK. FOR OTHER VICE CHAIRMAN, TO GIVE SOME GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE, PHILIPPINE REPRESENTATIVE MIGHT BE WORTH SUPPORTING ALTHOUGH IT NOT YET KNOWN WHO WILL BE PHILIPPINE REPRESENTATIVE. THESE POSSIBILITIES WERE DISCUSSED BY SIMMS WITH IMCO SEC GEN SRIVASTAVA WHO, HE SAID, CONCURS IN UK SUGGESTIONS.

2. DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON THESE PROPOSALS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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